



30 west superior street / duluth, minnesota 55802-2093 / fax: 218-723-3955 / [www.allete.com](http://www.allete.com)

David R. Moeller  
Senior Attorney  
218-723-3963  
[dmoeller@allete.com](mailto:dmoeller@allete.com)

July 10, 2014

VIA EMAIL: [NDPSC@ND.GOV](mailto:NDPSC@ND.GOV)



Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Bison 4 Wind Project  
Oliver/Morton Counties  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-13-127

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Minnesota Power's Bison 4 Storm Incident Report, in the above-referenced case.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

DRM:sr  
Attachments

c: Houston Engineering (email-[ebaskerville@houstoneng.com](mailto:ebaskerville@houstoneng.com))  
Mike Pontius, Minnesota Power



#### Bison 4 Storm Damage 7-6-14

On the evening of July 6<sup>th</sup> a storm came through the Bison 4 Project site causing damage to turbine components that were not yet erected in Area 1 (401-407) and Area 2 (408-414). Wind readings from local weather stations reached as high as 85 mph on the ground, and readings from cranes in these areas reached above 100 mph. The main damage was to wind turbine blades and as many as 9 sites were affected (up to 27 blades). Other damage noted was paint on the tower sections, damaged fins in the radiators, and broken glass on multiple pieces of equipment in the area. The overall damage is still being assessed and insurance adjusters will be onsite starting July 11 to help MP and associated contractors get through the claims process. We have started rerouting components back into these areas so as to minimize construction delays, and will be working with our contractors and suppliers to repair or replace all components affected.





